



Important Visitor Information

All animals naturally carry a range of microorganisms, some of which can be transmitted to humans. Some zoonotic diseases are more serious than others. There are a range of zoonotic diseases that could be caught from animal contact including E. coli O157, Salmonella, Cryptosporidium parvum plus other zoonotic diseases. Contact with contaminated animals or their faeces can cause illness ranging from diarrhoea to kidney failure in humans. In some cases, the illness can be fatal. Young children and the elderly are at the greatest risk.

People can also become infected by microorganisms such as E. coli O157 or Cryptosporidium parvum through consuming contaminated food or drink, through direct contact with contaminated animals, or by contact with an environment contaminated with animal faeces.

**However, by taking the right precautions you can reduce the risk.
With proper care, the risk of infection is considered low.**

**During lambing season, anyone who is pregnant or suspect they might be, should take extra care near our 'Baby Barn'.
Avoid contact with fences and do not touch new-born lambs!**

To keep safe during your visit, you should:

- Wash your hands after being in contact with animals, fences or surfaces
- Wash your hands before eating & drinking, when entering & leaving play areas, when leaving the Open Farm & if visibly soiled
- Be aware that animals can cause injury by biting or butting
- Use our 'Welly & Wheels Wash' to clean pram/wheelchair wheels, boots and shoes when leaving the Open Farm
- Keep children supervised at all times
- Never kiss our animals or put your hands in your mouth
- Avoid picking items up off the floor e.g. dropped feed. Toys/dummies which have been in contact with the floor or fences should be thoroughly washed before using again
- Wash clothing/gloves which have come into contact with animals

Hand wash facilities can be found where you see this icon.

Maps are available on request or scan the QR codes on the Open Farm.



Should you have any further questions, or if you would like anything explaining further, please do not hesitate to ask a member of our team!

Enjoy your visit!